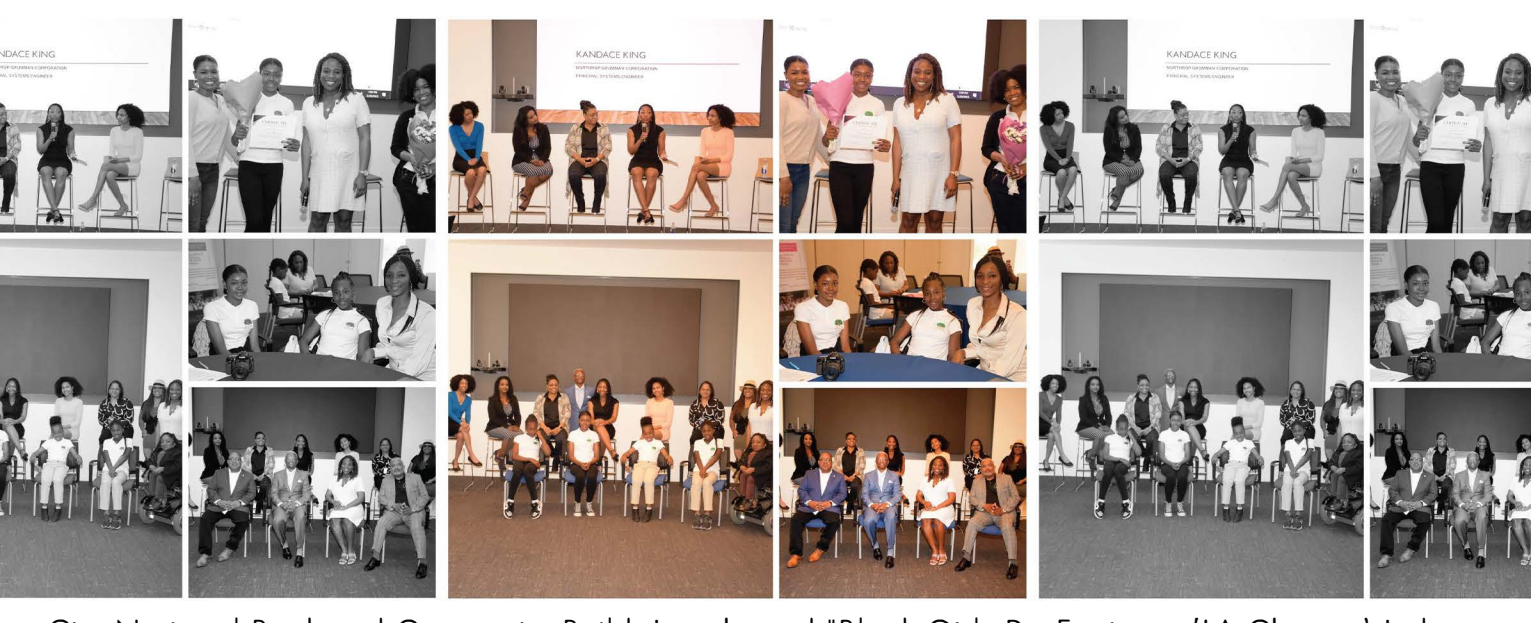


# BLACK GIRLS DO ENGINEER (LA CHAPTER) INDUSTRY NETWORKING & FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP



City National Bank and Community Build, Inc., hosted "Black Girls Do Engineer (LA Chapter) Industry Networking & Financial Literacy Workshop" on Saturday, May 20. Professional female engineers from five different industries shared lessons learned and stories from their professional and college journey with a group of young girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). CNB's Black Colleague Alliance also gave the group advice on saving and money management.

Black Girls Do Engineer was founded in 2019 in Houston, Texas, by President Carter Branch and has four chapters – Los Angeles, Texas, New Orleans and a virtual chapter. The core of the organization is exposing black girls and young ladies ages 6 - 21 to all areas of STEM and giving them a chance to interact with people who look like them who can share experiences and encourage them.

BGDE's goals are to provide access, awareness, and advocate for two million Black-American girls to pursue STEM careers by the year 2050.

"The work of Black Girls Do Engineer is incredibly important. They're showing that a career in STEM is possible and how to do it," Community Build President Robert Sausedo said. "Artificial Intelligence is the future and BGDE is preparing the next generation for that future."

### Special thanks to:

- Jennifer Walters – Project & Certification Engineer, Boeing
- Leah Muwatt - Civic Engineering Associate, LADWP
- Lorna Holt - Gas Engineer / Field Commissioning, SoCalGas
- Candace King - Principal System Engineer, Northrup Grumman Corp
- Amani Garvin - Components Test Engineer, SpaceX

### Hosts/Sponsors:

- Brian Grant, City National Bank, Vice President of Community Development
- Robert Sausedo, Community Build, Inc. President

### Black Girls Do Engineer (LA Chapter) Networking and Financial Literacy Workshop



## A SPECIAL THANKS TO WINDSOR HILLS MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Community Build Inc. President Robert Sausedo and Vice President, Arts Programming & Government Affairs Albert Lord paid a special visit to Windsor Hills Math/Science/Aerospace Magnet Elementary School students to present each student with their own copy of the April 28 publication of the Los Angeles Business Journal. The publication contained a picture of the class during their visit to the Central Los Angeles Public Library.

The students were there to mark the occasion of the unveiling of the Earnest J. Gaines stamp. This was the first time the United States Postal Service had unveiled an African American Heritage series stamp at the Central Public Library. Gaines was a celebrated award-winning author whose prolific body of work included the "Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" and "A Lesson Before Dying."

U.S. Postmaster Jeremie Six and Gary Luckenbacher of Master Club were also on hand. Six congratulated the students and distributed a goodie bag that included collectibles such as a poster from the first 1970s Star Wars film and first issue stamps; The goodie bag also include swim gear courtesy of Arena Swimwear, backpacks with school supplies and colorful sneakers with LED lights courtesy of Master Club.

"In the past three years, I've been featured in the journal five times. In the future, I look forward to seeing your face and reading about your accomplishments in the business journal many times," Sausedo said. "I'm giving you're a copy of the Los Angeles Business Journal featuring your class because I want you to remember this special occasion and encourage you to always dream big!"

## PROVIDING A PATHWAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF BLACK PILOTS



In May, Community Build partner, Shades of Blue, hosted its first Airline Symposium at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum in Denver, Colorado to introduce the next generation, ages 14 and older, to the aviation industry and provide a sustainable pipeline of future airline employees.

Over the two day period, 600 students attended the symposium which showcased a range of aviation career options, panel discussions and informational workshops. Attendees received information on the variety of airline positions available including pilots, flight attendants and service agents, mechanics, ground crew and more. Airline personnel and flight schools, including Daniel's alma mater Metro State University, were on-site to meet and/or recruit interested candidates and provide information on internships, and career opportunities and qualification requirements.

According to airline industry projections, in the next 25 years there will be a worldwide shortage of 804,000 pilots, 914,000 flight attendants, 769,000 aircraft mechanics and technicians. At the present rate, airlines will need to hire an average of 14,500 new pilots each year until 2030 to get ahead of the shortage.

"When I look at the young people going through Shades of Blue's aviation courses, know the training they're receiving will ensure that the future of the airline industry will include more people that look like us," Sausedo said. "That's what Willie and I set out to do. I'd say we're accomplishing our mission."

Sausedo and Daniels will bring the next two Shades of Blue Airline Symposium back to San Bernardino this summer followed by Los Angeles in the fall. For more information on Shades of Blue, visit [ourshadesofblue.org](http://ourshadesofblue.org).

[See article in the Sentinel newspaper here](#)



## A VILLAGE BRINGS HEALTHCARE TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Community Builders Group, a Pasadena-based real estate developer, hosted a Healthcare Festival on May 6 at University Gardens, an apartment complex near the University of Southern California. This is the second year CBG has partnered with Los Angeles City Council District 8, USC and South LA nonprofits Community Build, Inc., Brotherhood Crusade to produce the day-long festival.

Over 50 vendors lined the large community space in front and around the cul-de-sac outside of the 113 unit complex. Festival vendors included a mobile mammogram service, mobile dental, vision coaches, food distributors, CORE, the Red Cross teaching CPR and home safety classes, Kedren Community Health Center nutritionists, National University, City of Los Angeles and social services and more.

Community Build Inc.'s CURE LA program, a network of health and wellness partners that set-up free monthly pop-up clinics in underserved communities, provided organizational support, as well as resources and vendors for the festival.

CURE LA was developed by Community Build, Inc. President Robert Sausedo in response to the breakdown of the healthcare system in the wake of Coronavirus pandemic. The program was a pre-emptive strike to counter the reduction in county health programs.

"Today, people in the hospital and emergency rooms are the folks that didn't get the care they needed during the pandemic," Sausedo said. "Whether it was diabetes, heart disease, or whatever, they weren't going to the doctor and now they're dying. You don't hear about this in the news. We consider CURE LA a 21st century revolutionary-evolutionary healthcare without walls."

[See article in the Los Angeles Sentinel here.](#)